GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF A BOARD FOR NATIONAL GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to set up a Board for each games category for Hockey, Tennis, Swimming on the pattern of Board of Cricket Control of India (BCCI) to encourage all sportsmen and improve the games in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve our National Games?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) No, Sir. Government of India does not set up such boards. The games of Hockey, Tennis and Swimming have their own National Federations which are autonomous organizations.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government of India gives recognition to the National Sports Federations for giving them financial assistance to encourage sportspersons and improve performance in these disciplines in the country. Under Long-term Development Plan, National Sports Federations are assisted by Government of India for holding coaching camps under Indian and foreign coaches with required scientific inputs & equipment support. They are also provided financial assistance for holding National/International Championships & competition/ training abroad. Incentives in the form of awards, scholarships & exposures/training abroad are also given to national Champions & other elite sportspersons.

Besides, Sports Authority of India in addition to providing sports infrastructure in its regional and sub-regional centers implements schemes of (i) National Sports Talent Contest; (ii) Army Boys Sports Company; (iii) SAI Training Centre; (iv) Special Area Games; and Centre of Excellence for encouraging excellence in various sports disciplines.